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For: METHOD FOR REPAIRING PATTERN BY LASER AND LASER-BASED PATTERN REPAIR APPARATUS

Asst. Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT/SUBMISSION

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows.

FEE CALCULATION

Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:

_____ If checked, "Small Entity" status is claimed.

	NO. CLAIMS AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR		EXTRA PRESENT		RATE	ADDIT. FEE
TOTAL	98	MINUS	20	* =	78	X	($9 SE or $18)	$ 1,404.00
INDEP.	20	MINUS	3	** =	17	X	($40 SE or $80)	$ 1,360.00
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM						X	($135 SE or $270)	$
* not less than 20 ** not less than 3							TOTAL	$ 2,764.00

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If this communication is filed after the shortened statutory time period had elapsed and no separate Petition is enclosed, the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is petitioned, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), to extend the time for filing a response to the outstanding Office Action by the number of months which will avoid abandonment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.135. The fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 should be charged to our Deposit Account No. 15-0700.

AMENDMENTS

_X_ If checked, amendment(s) to the specification and/or claims are submitted herewith.

1. ___ If checked, an abstract is submitted as the last page of Appendix A.

2. Specification:

Please delete the paragraph(s)/section(s) beginning at page, and replace such paragraph(s)/section(s) pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(ii) with the "clean" version attached hereto as Appendix A. Entry is respectfully requested. A version with markings to show the changes made pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(iii) is attached hereto as Appendix B.

3. Claims:

Please amend claim 18 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(i) as set forth in the "clean" version attached hereto as Appendix A. Entry is respectfully requested. A version with markings to show the changes made pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(ii) is attached hereto as Appendix B.

___ If checked, the optional complete set of "clean" claims pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(3) is attached hereto as Appendix C.

REMARKS/ARGUMENT

This Preliminary Amendment is being submitted to correct a typographical error in claim 18.

EXPRESS MAIL CERTIFICATE

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APPENDIX A

"CLEAN" VERSION OF EACH PARAGRAPH/SECTION/CLAIM
37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(ii) AND (c)(i)

CLAIMS (with indication of amended or new):

(Amended) 18. The method for repairing the pattern using the laser according to Claim 17, wherein a pulse width of said laser light to be applied for said repair processing is in a range of 10 picoseconds to 300 picoseconds.

APPENDIX B

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(iii) AND (c)(ii)

CLAIMS:

18. The method for repairing the pattern using the laser according to Claim [178] 17, wherein a pulse width of said laser light to be applied for said repair processing is in a range of 10 picoseconds to 300 picoseconds.